

THE Court of Honour

Or, The Vertuous Protestant's Looking-Glass :

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The True and Lively Characters
(or Descriptions of the Chief and
most Noble Worthies that main-
tain any Pious Princes Crown, or
make Happy a Kingdom : With
their several Qualifications, Dig-
nities and Tytles.

Wherein Good Kings may View
their own Images, virtuous Noble-
men see their own Pictures, Sub-
jects learn Loyal Obedience, and
all sorts of Men, behold (as in a
Mirrour) their own Excellencies
and Graces, Vices or Defects : To
Persevere in the One, and forsake
the other.



I. A Worthy KING.
II. A Worthy PRINCE.
III. A Worthy COUN-
SELLOR.
IV. A Worthy Nobleman.
V. A Worthy BISHOP
or MINISTER.

VI. A Worthy JUDGE.
VII. A Worthy Knight and
Commander in the Warrs.
VIII. A Worthy Gentleman.
IX. A Worthy LAWYER.
X. A Worthy SOULDIER.
XI. A Worthy Physitian.



The like not Extant.

Written by a Royalist, a Person of Quality : One that fears God, and Honoureth the King.

God Save the King, Preserve his Crown, } Allowance.
Defend the Church, Tread Rebels Down. }

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A worthy KING.

HE is the figure of God, in the nature of government, and the chief of man, the Churches champion, and natures honour : heavens quintessence, earths magnificence, a director of the Law, and the strength of the same, the sword of Justice, and the Scepter of mercy, the glass of grace, and the eye of honour, he is the searcher out of treason, and the terrour of traitors, but he is the life of loyalty, his command is general, his frown is death, and his favour is life, his charge is his subjects, his care is their safety, his pleasure their peace, and his joy their love, he is not to be parallel'd, because that he is without equality, and the prerogative of his Crown may not be contradicted, he is the Lords anointed, and therefore must not be touched, he is the head of the publick body, and therefore must be preserved, he is the scour of sin, and the blessing of grace, Gods Vice-Roy over his people, and under him sumptuous head and Governor, his safety must be his counsellours care, and his health his subjects prayer, his pleasure his peers comfort, and his content his Kingdoms gladness, his presence must be revered, his person attended, his Court must be adorned, and his state maintained, his bosom must not be searcht into, his will not disobeyed, his wants must not be unsupplied, nor his place unregarded, he is more than a man, although not a God, and next unto God to be honoured above all men.

(A worthy Prince) such is our KING, whom God long preserve.

HE is the hope of a Kingdom, and the richest Jewell in the Kings Crown, the fairest Flower in the Nations Garden, the Joy of nature in the hope of honour, he is the love of wisdom, and the life of worthiness, in the secret carriage of his hearts intentions, until his designs come to action, and so to perfection, he seems but as a dumb show to the worlds imagination, in his wisdom he startles the stupid of their expectation by his valour, and by his vertue he subjects the hearts of ambition, and wins the love of the most noble, and by his own bounty he binds the most sufficient, he is the Christall-Glass where nature may behold her comfort, and the Book of Reason, where

where vertue may read her honour, he is the Morning-Scarr that hath light from the Sun, and the blessed fruit of the Tree of Earths Paradiſe, he is the ſtudy of the wiſe in the ſtate of honour, and in the ſubject of Learning, he is the Hiſtory of admiration, he is in the noat of Wiſdom, the aim of honour, and in the honour of Vertue, the hope of a Kingdom.

A worthy Privy-Couſellour.

He is the Pillar of a Realm, in whoſe wiſdom and care, next under God & the King, ſtands the ſafety of a Kingdom, he is a watch-Tower to give warning of the enemy, to diſcover treaſon, & apprehend the traitors, and bring them to condign puniſhment, he is the hand of providence, for the preſervation of the ſtate and Kingdom, he is an Oracle in the Kings Ear, and a ſword in the Kings hand, an even weight in the ballance of Juſtice, and a light of grace in the love of truth, he is an eye of care in the courſe of Law, and a heart of love in his ſervice to his Sovereign, a mind of honor in the order of his ſervice, and a brain of invention for the good of the Comonwealth, his place is powerful, his ſervice is faithful, and his honour ought to be proportionable to his great employment, he is a fixed Planet amongſt the Stars of the Firmament, which through the clouds in the ayr ſhews the greatneſs of his light, and the goodneſs of his Influence.

A worthy Noble Man.

He is the mark of honour, the eye of wiſdom, in the obſervation of deſert ſees the fruit of grace, he is the Orient pearl that reaſon poliſheth, for the beauty of nature, and the Diamond ſpark where Divine graces gives vertue honour, he is the Noat Book of Morral Diſcipline, where the conſcience of care may find the true Courrier, he is the nurſe of hoſpitality, and the relief of neceſſity, the love of charity, and the life of bounty, he is learnings grace, and valours fame, wiſdoms fruit, and kindneſs love, he is the true Fawlkon that feeds on no Carrion, and the generous Steed that will be no Hackney, the true Dolphin that fears not the Whale, and the true Man of God that fears not the Devil, he is the Darling of nature, in rea-

sons Philosophy, the Load-stone of light, in loves Astronomy, the ravishing sweet in the Musick of honour, and the Golden Number in Graces Arithmetick.

A Worthy Bishop or Minister.

He is an Ambassador from God unto men, in the midst of War to make a treaty of peace, who with a pronounciation of a general pardon upon a general and a particular confession of sin, the fruit of Repentance and faith in the merits of Christ, gives a full assurance of comfort, he brings tydings from Heaven of happiness to the worse upon earth, he is the silver Trumpet in the musick of Love, where faith hath a life that never faileth the beloved, he is the director of Life in the Laws of God, and the true Chyrurgeon of the Soul in lancing the sores of sin, the terrour of the reprobate in pronouncing of their damnation, and the joy of the faithful in the assurance of their salvation, he is in the nature of grace worthy of honor, and in the measure of life worthy of love, he is a continual agent betwixt God and man, and the preaching of his Word, and praying for his people, is as well his delight as Imployment.

A worthy JUDGE.

He is a doom, whose breath is mortal upon the breach of the Law, where treason must receive its reward, and malefactors that act against the Law he cutteth off from the Common wealth, he is the sword of Justice in the hand of the King, and the eye of wisdom in the circuit of a Kingdom, his study is a most true square for the keeping of a due proportion betwixt command and obedience, that the King may in the more safety keep the Crown on his head, and the Subject his head on his shoulders, he is feared of none but of the foolish, and cursed of none but the wicked, but of the Wise he is honoured, and of the gracious he is beloved, he is a Surveyer of rights, and a revenger of wrongs, and in the Iudgement of truth, the honour of Justice, his words are Law, his power grace, his labour peace, and his desert honour.

A worthy Knight and Commander in the wars.

He is a spirit of proof, in the advancement of vertue, by the desert

sert of honour, in the eye of Majesty, in the field he gives courage to his souldiers, in the Court he gives grace to his followers, in the City reputation to his person, and in the Countrey honour to his House and Family, his sword and his horse make his way to his house, and his armour of proof is his undaunted spirit, the Musick of his delight is the sound of the Trumpet, and the ratling of the warlike Drum, and the paradise of his eye is his enemies army defeated, the oppresseds relief makes his conquest honourable, & pardoning the submissive, makes him as famous for mercy, as courage, he is in Nature mild, and in Spirit stout, in Reason judicious, and in all honourable; He is a Yeomans commander, and a gentlemans Superior, A Noble mans companion, and the King and Kingdoms worthy Favourite.

A Worthy GENTLEMAN.

He is a true Branch of the Tree of honour, whose fruits are the actions of Vertue, as pleasing to the eye of Judgement, as tastful to the spirit of Understanding; whatsoever he doth it is not forced, except it be evil, which either through ignorance, unwillingly, or through compulsion unwillingly, he falls upon: He is in nature kind, and in demeanour courteous, in allegiance strict, and in Religion zealous; in service faithful, and in rewarding bountiful: He is Woven by the spirit of Wisdom, to adorn the court of Honour: his Apparel is for the most part, more comely then costly, and his Dyet more wholsom then excessive; his exercise more healthful then painful, and his Study more for knowledge then for pride: his Love not wanton nor common, his gifts neither niggardly nor yet prodigal, and his carriage is neither Apish nor Sullen; he is an approver of his pedigree, by the Nobleness of his passage, and in the course of his life, an example to his posterity.

A Worthy LAWYER.

He is the Student of knowledge, how to bring controversies to a conclusion of peace, and out of respect unto Understanding, he devides time into Uses, and cases into Instructions, he lays open obscurities and is praised for his Speech of truth; he pleads much

in *Forma Pauperis*, for small Fees, he is a means for the preservation of Titles, and the holding of possessions, and a great instrument of peace, in the Judgement of Impartiality, he is the Clyants hope in his causes pleading, and his hearts comfort in a most happy Issue, he is a finder out of tricks in the craft of evil consciences, and the joy of the distressed in the relief of Justice, he is a maker of peace amongst the Spirits of the contentious, and a contriver of quietness in the Execution of the Law.

A worthy SON L D I E R.

HE is the Child of Valour, who was born for the service of a pure and just necessity, and for to bear the Ensign of honour: In the actions of worth, he is the dyer of the earth with Blood, and the ruine of the erections of Pride, the refeller of Rebellion, and the chastizer of the Rebels: He is the warch of Wit, in the advantage of time, and the Executioner of wrath upon the wilful offender: He disputes questions with the point of his Sword, and prefers death to Indignities: He is a Lyon to Ambition, and a Lamb to Submission; he hath hope fast by the hand, and treads upon the head of fear; he is the Kings Champion and the Kingdoms guard, Peaces preserver and Rebellion terror, he makes the horse trample at the sound of the Trumpet, and leads on to the Battel, as if that he was going to a breakfast, he knows not the nature of Cowardise, for his rest is set upon resolution, his strongest Fortification is his mind, which beats off the assaults of idle humours, and his life is the passage of danger, where an undaunted spirit stoops to no Fortune; with his Armies he wins his Arms, and by his desert in the field, his honour in the Court, in the truest Manhood, he is the truest man, and in the creation of honour the most worthy Creature.

A worthy P H Y S I T I A N.

HE is the Enemy of Sicknes, in the purging of nature from corruption, his action is most in the feeling of Pulses, and his discourse is chiefly of the nature of Diseases; he is a diligent seacher out of simples, and accordingly makes his compositions; he persuades abstinence and patience for the benefit of health, while
purging

purging and bleeding are the chief courses of his Counsel.

The Apothecary and the Chyrurgion are his two attendants, with whom conferring upon time, grows then temperate in his cures, surfeits and wantonness are great agents for his imployment, when by the secret of his Skill, out of others weakness he gathers his own strength; he is a most necessary member for an unnecessary malady, for to find out the Disease and cure the diseased.

By what hath been said, it is most undoubtedly the best and most surest government that is under God governed, by one single person, that is to say, one King, which ruleth only for the good of his people, and that kind of government hath been best approved of in all ages, hath longest continued, and is most antient, for who can deny but that all things both in heaven & earth are governed by one God, by one perpetual order, and by one Providence, one Sun ruleth over the day and one Moon over the night.

Let us well observe the little Bee, which of all other creatures is to be admired, & seemeth to be a perpetual figure of just government, which having amongst them one principal Bee for their Governour, which excelleth all other in greatness, yet hath he no sting, but in him is more knowledge then in all the rest, for if the day following shall be fair and dry, in the morning early he calleth them, making a noise as it were the sound of a horn or Trumpet, then do all the residue prepare them to labour, gathering nothing but what shall be sweet and profitable.

The Captain himself laboureth not, but all the other for him, he only seeth that no Droan nor unprofitable Bee enter into the Hive and consume the honey gathered by the other, and if so, presently expelleth them from their common-wealth.

The Philosopher saith, that the universal School of all the world, is the person and Court of a Prince, and that the prince is a strong wall for the defence of the truth, and that the Counsellors and household-servants of the prince being well tryed, and also the head Officers and Judges, and all other that have Authority, rightly chosen and instructed by the just example of the princes Court, how quickly

ly then will the whole Common-wealth be brought into good order, all men delighting in the vertue, and praising the beauty and the commodity thereof in their Superiours; also rejoycing at the affability and gentleness of so pious, valours, and vertuous, noble Prince, dreading his severity, bringing vertue into custom, that such vices as before seemed but little, then become loathsome, filthy, and detestable.

Plato saith, that except Wise men be made Governours, man-kind shall never have quiet rest; nor Vertue be able to defend herself against her Enemies; and *Alex Severus* saith, that those that are put into a Authorite by the King, ought to be such as were never infamed with any notable vice, and that therewith they be sufficiently furnished with Wisdom and Gravity, void of all private affections, as fear, Avarice, and flattery; who like Chyrurgions, shall neither for honour nor affection, forbear with corrosive and sharp Medicines to draw out the festered and stinking Coars of old Marmotes and invetrate Sores, ingendred by the long custom of vice.

And *Plutarch* saith, That it becometh a prince to take good heed to his Counsellors, that he may know whom to trust, saying, Happy is that prince, and glorious is that Common-wealth that hath Young men to Travel, and Antient persons for to give Counsel: Happy is that Kingdom where those that are in Authority, temper it with wisdom and purity of life and conversation; The King that is merciful, his Estate shall prosper, and his wisdom shall greatly help him at his need: his Subjects shall rejoyce in him, his Raigh shall prosper, and his estate shall continue long in Renown and glory.

Next under *God*, is the King; who is so great a Father as he? who is Father of a whole countrey, that is to say, of them that be Fathers, &c.

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